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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6617**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 250

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 29, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 16, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Indiana Veterans' Home.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Wyss

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Reske

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill transfers responsibility for the Indiana Veterans' Home from the State Health Commissioner to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. It also makes conforming amendments and removes obsolete references.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The transfer of the Indiana Veterans' Home from the State Health Commissioner to the Department of Veterans' Affairs may not necessarily represent a fiscal impact to the state. This transfer will decrease the responsibilities of the State Department of Health and the State Health Commissioner and increase the responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The bill would remove an obsolete provision that creates the Silvercrest Children's Development Center Advisory Committee. This will have no effect on state expenditures. This facility was closed in 2007.

The legislation requires the Indiana Veterans' Home to post a notice that an individual can request information regarding the names of all nursing personnel or direct care staff on duty by job classification for the wing, unit, or other area designated by the Indiana Veteran's Home. This information is required to be posted in a conspicuous place and that the posting meet certain font, size, and information requirements. The Veterans' Home reports that this information is already maintained and provided by staff and is also posted in the manner specified in the legislation.

Additionally, the legislation requires the Legislative Services Agency to prepare legislation for the 2009 General Assembly that will organize and correct any statutes affected by the transfer of the Indiana Veterans'

Home. This can be accomplished within the agency's existing level of staff and resources.

Background on Administrative Transfers: (1) The legislation transfers the power to appoint the Superintendent of the Indiana Veteran's Home from the State Health Commissioner to the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. (2) The legislation transfers the ability to establish the Veterans' Home Comfort and Welfare Fund from the State Department of Health to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. (3) The legislation also requires the Superintendent of the Indiana Veterans' Home selected by the Director of Veterans' Affairs to furnish an individual public official bond. The requirement of furnishing an individual public official bond is currently required by the Superintendent selected by the State Health Commissioner. (4) The legislation also transfers the Indiana Veterans' Home Advisory Committee to the authority of the Department of Veterans' Affairs from the State Department of Health. (5) The legislation transfers all obligations, resources, budget appropriations, rules, as well as balances in the Veterans' Home Comfort and Welfare Fund and the Veterans' Home Building Fund from the State Department of Health to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Veterans' Affairs, State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Pat Harkins, Indiana Veterans' Home.

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